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1. SUMMARY: SPANISH MFA OFFICIAL HAS REPORTED THAT IT HAD INFORMATION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS CONSIDERING SUPPORTING SEPARATIST MOVEMENT IN SOUTHERN PART MOZAMBIQUE WHERE MAJORITY OF WHITES ARE CONCENTRATED. MFA SAID IT BELIEVED THAT HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL CONTACTS BETWEEN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WOULD BE RESUMED SHORTLY. NEW PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES TOLD SPANISH CHARGE OF HIS FEARS OF COUNTER-COUP ACTIVITY IN SPAIN BUT

ASSURED GOS OF HIS COMMITMENT TO UPGRADE BILATERAL RELATIONS. GOS FEARFUL

THAT SOARES HIMSELF, LACKING A SOLID POLITICAL BASE, WOULD TURN TO EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION LUAR FOR SUPPORT. GOS EXPECTS PORTUGAL TO MAKE MAJOR PITCH FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES.

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NEW PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION TOLD SPANISH TV

MAY 25 THAT IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL (ECONOMIC) RELATIONS WITH SPAIN WOULD HAVE TO PASS THROUGH MECHANISM OF COMMON MARKET. END SUMMARY.

2. IN REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL WITH HEAD OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DIVISION IN SPANISH MFA, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED:

A. MOZAMBIQUE - MFA HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM ITS EMBASSY IN JOHANNESBURG THAT SAG WAS CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE OF SUPPORT FOR SEPARATIST MOVEMENT BY WHITES WHO ARE CONCENTRATED IN SOUTHERN PART OF MOZAMBIQUE ADJACENT TO SOUTH AFRICA. SAG WAS REPORTEDLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT DIVISION OF COLONY WHICH WOULD LEAVE NORTHERN PART OF MOZAMBIQUE WHICH IS PREDOMINANTLY BLACK AND ALREADY CONTROLLED BY FRELIMO, IN HANDS OF INSURGENTS ALLOWING WHITE POPULATION IN SOUTH TO SET UP INDEPENDENT STATE WHICH WOULD ACT AS BUFFER FOR SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER, MFA SUBDIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING MOZAMBIQUE AS MOST PROBABLY SOUTH AFRICAN TARGET, STRONGLY DOUBTED PRETORIA WOULD ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE UDI IN ANY PORTUGUESE TERRITORY BECAUSE OF POOR RESULTS IN RHODESIA AND BECAUSE LARGE BLACK PRESENCE IN PORTUGUESE ARMY DIMMED PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS.

B. NEW PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES - MFA FEARED THAT SOARES WOULD TURN TO LEFTIST EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION LUAR (LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY ACTION AND UNION) LED BY IRMENIO DE PALMA IGANCIO FOR POLITICAL SUPPORT, AS THERE WAS NO REAL SOCIALIST BASE IN PORTUGAL (MFA

OFFICIAL SAID IN AN ASIDE THAT LEADER OF SPAIN'S DOMESTIC SOCIALIST PARTY, TIerno GALVAN, WAS IN SIMILAR SITUATION). LUAR WAS REPORTEDLY A STaunchLY ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD CARRIED OUT A NUMBER OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST AND, ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, WAS INVOLVED IN DEATH OF PORTUGUESE GENERAL HUMBERTO DELGADO. DELGADO HIMSELF HAD BEEN LINKED WITH LUAR AND SOARES HAD BEEN INVOLVED

IN INVESTIGATION OF DELGADO'S DEATH IN SPAIN ON BEHALF OF HIS FAMILY.

IN HIS FIRST MEETING WITH SPANISH CHARGE, SOARES SAID THAT HE WAS GRATIFIED FOR TREATMENT WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM GOS DURING HIS EXILE WHICH ALLOWED HIM TO ENTER FREELY INTO SPAIN FROM TIME TO TIME. SOARES TOLD CHARGE, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT

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REFUGEE PORTUGUESE IN SPAIN MIGHT TRY TO PREPARE COUNTER-COUP FROM SPANISH TERRITORY BUT WAS CONFIDENT THAT BILATERAL TIES WOULD BE STRENGTHENED (REF B). MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY SPANISH DGS THAT NO MORE THAN APPROXIMATELY 30 PORTUGUESE HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN SPAIN AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE ANY PROBLEM IN BILATERAL RELATIONS.

C. RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES- MFA HAD NOTICED THAT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN

EXILED IN ALGERIA AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO PUSH HARD FOR IMPROVEMENT OF LISBON'S RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. GOS HAD CONCLUDED THAT DECOLONIALIZATION OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORY IN AFRICA WOULD HELP END ILL-FEELING AND OSTRACISM BY ARAB STATES AND PAVE WAY FOR INSURING LONG-YERM OIL SUPPLIES. MFA OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT IMPROVEMENT OF TIES WITH ARAB COUNTRIES COULD POSSIBLY INFLUENCE COURSE OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS OVER AZORES WITH U.S.

D. INVESTIGATION OF HUMBERTO DELGADO'S DEATH - MFA BELEIVED THAT MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES OF DELGADO'S DEATH WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO REOPENING OF INVESTIGATION IN PORTUGAL WHICH SALAZAR GOVT HAD ABRUPTLY TERMINATED. MFA OFFICIAL SAID GOS HAD DONE ITS PART IN INVESTIGATING HIS DEATH BUT, WHEN IT ASKED FOR PORTUGUESE DOCUMENTS SOUGHT BY SPANISH JUDGE, IT WAS TOLD THAT CASE HAD BEEN CLOSED. MFA WAS CONFIDENT THEREFORE, THAT ANY REOPENING OF INVESTIGATION IN PORTUGAL WOULD NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS ON BILATERAL PORTUGUESE- SPANISH RELATIONS.

E. BILATERAL TIES - MFA OFFICIAL MADE A POINT OF MENTIONING THAT HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND TOP MILITARY LEADERS, AS PROVIDED IN IBERIAN PACT, WOULD BE RESUMED "SOON". HE ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM DEALING WITH SOARES AS FORMIN EVEN THOUGH HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED DELEGATION OF SPANISH SOCIALISTS LED BY TIerno GALVAN. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT EVEN IF SOARES MADE SOME GESTURE TO TIerno GALVAN DURING A VISIT TO SPAIN IT WOULD NOT UPSET BILATERAL RELATIONS.

F. FUTURE OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT - MFA BELIEVED THAT NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL DID NOT APPEAR AS LEFTIST IN ORIENTATION AS ORIGINALLY FEARED. EMBOFF WAS TOLD TO LOOK CAREFULLY INTO FAMILY TIES AMONG MEMBERS OF NEW GOVT WHICH WOULD TEND TO ACT AS STABILIZING FACTOR BY HOLDING UP ANY RADICAL SWING TO THE LEFT. MFA OFFICIAL MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THAT PCP SECRETARY GENERAL CUNHAL WAS RELATED TO THE FAMILY OF ANOTHER RIGHT-WING MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT. (NEW SPANISH DEPUTY CHIEF CONFIDENTIAL

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OF AIR FORCE AND FORMER HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF HIGH GENERAL STAFF, PREDICTED TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT WITHIN A FEW MONTHS MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN PORTUGAL WOULD PURGE LEFTIST INFLUENCES FROM PROVISIONAL GOVT AND THAT MILITARY DICTATORSHIP WAS MORE LIKELY OUTCOME THAN LEFT-WING TAKEOVER).

3. PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION VIEIRA DE ALMEYDA TOLD SPANISH TV INTERVIEWER MAY 24 THAT BILATERAL ECONOMIC TIES WITH SPAIN HAD NEVER BEEN VERY IMPORTANT IN PAST BECAUSE TWO COUNTRIES WERE COMPETITIVE WITH THEIR EXPORTS. THERE WERE RESONS, HOWEVER, HE SAID, TO INCREASE TIES WITH SPAIN "INASMUCH AS SPAIN, LIKE PORTUGAL, WAS INTERESTED IN DRAWING CLOSER TO EUROPE. I BELIEVE THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF SPANISH-PORTUGUESE TIES WILL PASS THROUGH A THIRD ZONE WHICH IS THE COMMON MARKET." VIEIRA WENT ON TO SAY "FOR THE MOMENT PORTUGAL

WILL NOT SEEK ADMISSION TO THE EC BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES IN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES".  
VIEIRA SAID THAT "PORTUGUESE ECONOMY COULD NOT BE BASED ON  
PREFERENTIAL TIES WITH A SPECIFIC OVERSEAS TERRITORY".  
IN DISCUSSING INTERNAL ECONOMIC POLICY, VEIERA SAID THE NEW  
GOVERNMENT WOULD BE "MUCH MORE ACTIVE IN CONTROL AND ORIENTATION  
OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE... BY COORDINATING MUCH MORE INVESTMENTS  
ESPECIALLY IN BASIC SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY".  
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